

REMARKS

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action of November 29, 2004. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

The Office Action

Claims 18-26 and 33 stand objected to for informalities.

Claims 18-30 stand rejected under 35 USC §101 as claiming the same invention as that of **claims 1-14** of prior US Patent No. 6,769,744.

Claims 31-33 were indicated as containing allowable subject matter.

Objections to Claim Informalities

Claims 18-26 have been canceled. **Claims 31 and 33** have been amended to overcome the Examiner's objections. Therefore, **claim 31**, along with **claims 32 and 33** which depend therefrom, is in condition for allowance.

35 USC §101

Claims 18-30 have been canceled.

Claims 34-40

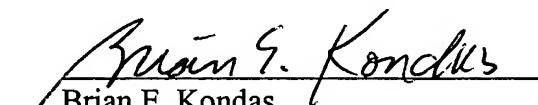
New claims 34-40 have been presented and patentably define over the cited references.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, it is submitted that the claims of the present application are in condition for allowance. Early notice thereof is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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